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NIAGARA COLLEGE of Applied Arts and Technology WELLAND CAMPUS LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

Architects to design new centre

The Flemming-Baker architect firm, of 300 Welland Ave., St. Catharines, will be designing Niagara College's $6 million tourism and hospitality centre to be built in Niagara Falls.

Jaqueline Robarts, college president, said the Board of Governors gave its approval to the recommendation presented Nov. 5 to the Academic Affairs committee of the board by the planning committee for the centre.

Last summer the college was given $6 million to build a new Hospitality Centre on the college's Dunn Street property in Niagara Falls. Programs slated for the Hospitality Centre are hotel and restaurant administration; two tourism programs — English and bilingual; cook apprentice — advanced and basic; and two food preparation programs.

The planning committee interviewed eight architects and four design/build contractors Oct.23 and reinterviewed three of these a week later before submitting their recommendation for hiring the Flemming-Baker architect firm.

TO MEET USERS

"Now that an architect has been appointed, the firm will be meeting with users of the Hospitality Centre to get their wishes, dreams out on the table," Miss Robarts said. Preliminary drawing plans for the building should be done by early January, followed by more detailed drawings.

"It is anticipated that construction will begin no later than July 1, 1988, with a completion date of July 1989, barring any delays due to disruption of services by the unionized groups," Miss Robarts said. The building is expected to be ready for students September 1989.

The planning committee for the Hospitality Centre is comprised of Alex Elliot and Colleen Brown, board members; Hans van der Slagt, dean of business; Gary LaRose, executive director of administrative services; Jack Spittle, plant and property manager; and Miss Robarts, committee chairperson.

Lest we forget . . .

By TORY EDWARDS
Staff Writer

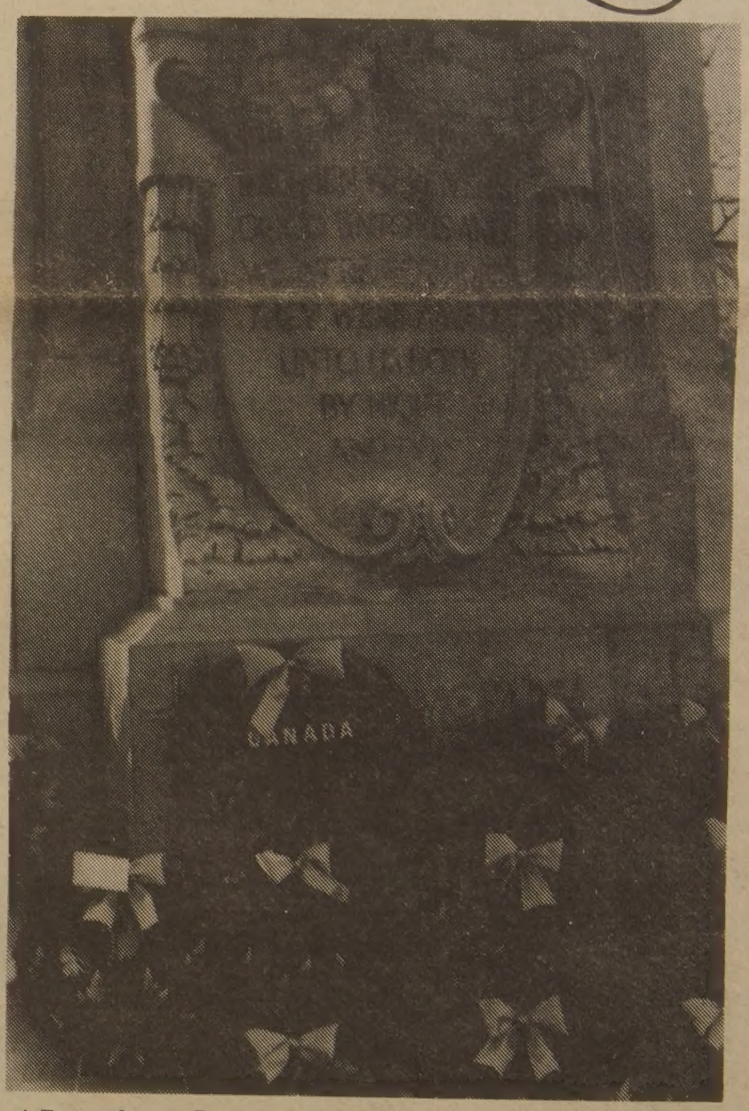
"At the going down of the sun, and in the morning..." few Niagara College students remembered them.

Radio and television students broadcast coverage of the Remembrance Day service at the cenotaph in St. Catharines yesterday morning that was heard over the PA system in the college. The service began just before 10:50 a.m. and ended at 11 a.m. There were to be two minutes of silence following the broadcast, but, for the most part, a time set aside to remember those who lost their lives for this country passed without much thought.

Journalism students positioned themselves around the Welland campus to record the reactions at 11 a.m., and the general observation was that nothing really changed. In the cafeteria, people continued to play cards and video games, to eat, and carried on with their conversations without even lowering their voices. In the Mackenzie building no one seemed to acknowledge the two minutes, and badminton continued in the gymnasium.

An overall disregard for the day was evident throughout the college. One student in the mini-cafeteria turned to a friend and asked, "What's the music for?" The sad and noble sound of trumpets and bagpipes meant nothing to her.

For those who respected the two minutes of silence to remember a significant part of Canada's past, Remembrance Day remains as it should — grateful memories of courageous, solemn souls who gave their lives to secure the future of their country.



A Remembrance Day service held at the cenotaph in St. Catharines was broadcast to Niagara College by radio and televison students.
Photo By Tory Edwards

Test Centre had to close: Knowles

By SHARON ANDRES
Staff Writer

The Test Centre at the St. Catharines campus has been closed due to "a decline in the number of students as a result of cut—backs by the federal government" which sponsors most of the training, Dr. Tony Knowles, dean of applied sciences and technology, said.

However, the students are opposed to the closing and might petition it, Jacques Boulianne, president of the student senate in St Catharines, said.

It is not a question of the college not being able to afford it; "the point is the students need it," Mr. Boulianne said.

Dr. Knowles said the purpose of the Test Centre was "to provide a quiet, secure area where students would come in and write these tests which were already prepared by the teachers,' he said. The students were under supervision while writing the tests.

20 PER CENT DECLINE

The Test Centre has been in existence for about 10 years and closed last spring. There has been a 20 per cent reduction in the number of students this year and at least another 20 per cent decline is expected next year, Dr. Knowles said. When the overall number of students, and the cost involved, are taken into consideration "we cannot afford to continue the Test Centre."

But Mr. Boulianne said, "I believe it (the closing of the Centre) will drop marks and averages of students."

The demise of the Test Centre will require some changes to teaching methods. The St. Catharines campus is on a continuous intake program in which students enter at different grade levels, at different times, and are

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Another illegally parked car. What's the matter, can't you read?
Photo By Cindy Logan

Cars should be towed, SAC president says

There are ample parking facilities at Niagara College for students, Darryl Nadeau, Student Administrative Council president, said in an interview.

He was referring to the problems with parking on the grass and other illegal places.

"Students are too lazy to walk to classes," Darryl said, "there is always room in the far parking lots."

"Cars should be towed away at the owner's expense," he said.

College tourism club visiting Cartagena

Cartagena, Colombia is about to be invaded by about 15 Niagara College tourism students. Members of the Niagara Voyageurs club will leave Toronto Nov. 20, Jennifer Allcorn, prsident of the club, said Tuesday.

"Many of these students have never been outside of Canada," Bruce McNiven, tourism instructor, said. "They have never gone through customs or never been on an airplane." Mr. McNiven will be going with the students on the trip. They will be given a chance to experience a "a different culture" and learn to deal with "different money."

The trip is a package deal, but the students will have to make their own sight-seeing and travel arrangements once they are in Cartagena. The students will gain practical experience and learn how to go through the necessary channels.

JENNIFER ALLCORN

ABOUT $700

This trip is costing each student about $700, but the club members have worked hard on fund-raising activities. Over the summer a raffle was held, first prize was a $700 trip. A suitcase pub was held and a trip to Alantic City was the prize for that. Members have held pizza sales and a cash Christmas Draw.

"I'm looking forward to it very much," Jennifer said. She has travelled before "to Europe, all over the United States and Canada, but never to Cartagena."

Cartagena is a "fairly new resort" and has been selected two years in a row for the tourism trip. The students pick their own destination after doing research on what is available.

Not all of the 24 students in the second-year class will be able to go on the trip. Those staying behind will spend the week doing volunteer work for tourism companies throughout the area. The students going on the trip will leave the Lester B. Pearson airport at 7:30 a.m., Nov. 20, and return on Nov. 27.

Niagarabusiness show give students training

Excellent training in convention planning and marketing were provided for Niagara College tourism students at the annual Niagara Regional Business Show at the Skylon Tower on Oct. 28 and 29.

"It gets students out into the industry," Jennifer Allcorn, second year tourism student, said.

The tourism class organized registration, looked after security and helped with the setup and cleanup of the convention. They also composed and distributed surveys to participants and visitors, to get some feedback on the show. The surveys were given to the convention planners.

THEY CONTRIBUTED

Students also added something of their own to this year's show. They took pictures of exhibitors with their exhibits, had them mounted on printed cards and gave them to the participants, compliments of the Niagara College tourism students. Funds for the printing, paper and film came from the college.

During the show students were free to mingle and to examine the exhibits, and inquire about them. "The people involved were really nice, and very helpful," Jennifer said.

Fifty-nine exhibits, mainly of various computers designed to help the small business were on display. Visitors and exhibitors came from Canada and the United States.

The show is organized by the Federal Business Development Bank in St. Catharines.

United Way campaign hopes to raise$18,500

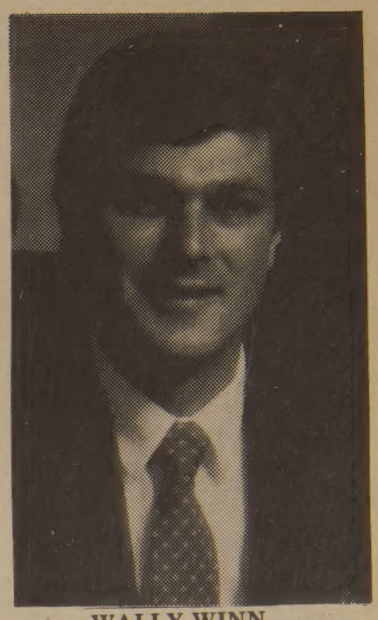
It's that time of the year again. The Niagara College United Way Campaign is in full swing, and this year organizers hope to contribute $18,500 to the organization that enables community agencies to aid the needy.

"Our main strategy involves making people take a decision," Foster Zanutto, Chairman of the college's United Way Committee, said. "Most people decide yes."

Students and staff may contribute through the "an apple a day for the United Way" sale Nov. 13 and 16 at the college. Apples are 25 cents with all proceeds going to the United Way.

"Most of the staff and students are very interested in sharing their good fortune with others," Mr. Zanutto said.

Over the past five years, contributions from the college have increased at a yearly rate of about 15 per cent.



WALLY WINN

College grad top salesman

A 1976 Marketing Management graduate has been named top salesman of the year in the Don Mills sales division of Grand & Toy.

Wally Winn started at Grand & Toy after his Niagara College graduation and became a salesman in 1977, a Grand & Toy announcement said.

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Survey says signs confusing, 'not completed as expected'

By ROB STROHM
Staff Writer

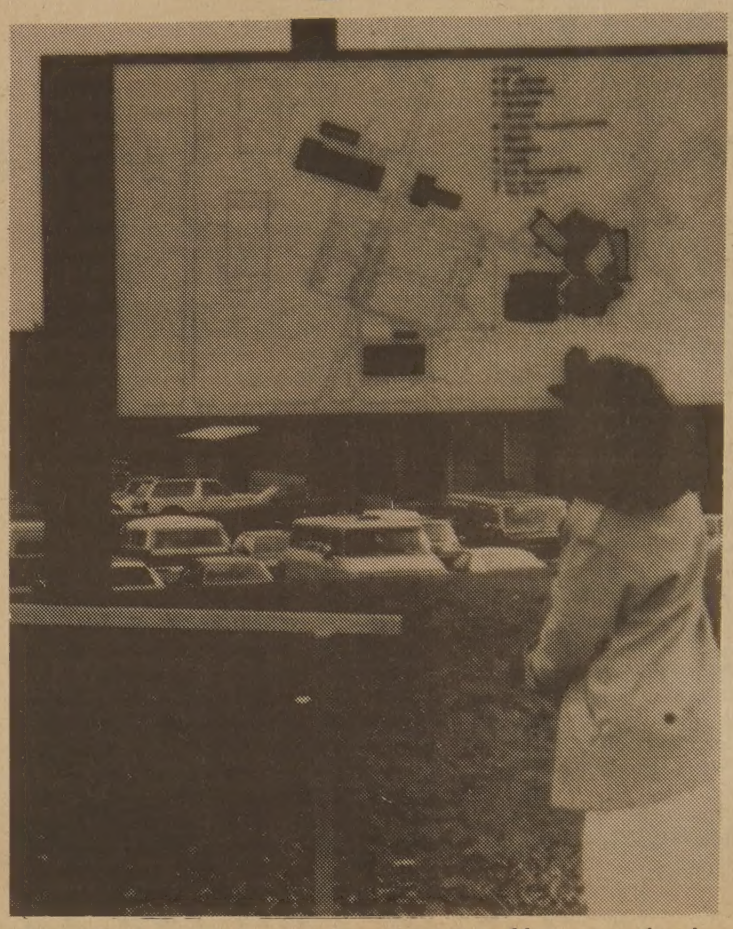
Niagara College has asked the designer of the newly installed sign project to make corrections, Foster Zanutto, director of marketing and information services, said.

"The sign project is not completed the way we had expected," he said.

A survey of 55 first-year students done by a second-year journalism student showed two-thirds did not find the signs helpful in guiding them. The majority found the color-code system to be confusing because there is not a legend on the maps. They suggested words accompanied with arrows would more easily be understood. But, a great number of students said the smaller signs depicting the specific room locations on each floor were very helpful.

Mr. Zanutto and Jack Spittle, plant and property manager, said things were missing in the project that they feel were required. Mr. Zanutto said the designer, Drew Marketing and Communications, disputed this point saying any additional work will result in additional billing.

"Some obvious changes like misspelling, etc. that should be made have been," Mr. Zanutto said.



Bruna Buonocore, secretary of creative arts and human services is seen here scanning a sign trying to find her destination. Photo By Rob Strohm

MAJOR PLAN

The two sides also disagree on "the one perspective theory," Mr. Zanutto said. The larger "primary information boards" illustrating the whole campus have a major flaw causing confusion. The same illustration is on all boards and the only perspective is to read north regardless of the building positions.

Mr. Zanutto thinks there should be a different illustration on each board depending on where the board is. "There should be four different directions shown in the illustration; therefore one has four different perspectives, not just one."

"We have a stand-off right now regarding this point."

The color co-ordinated sign project costing $60,000 to $65,000, was a project designated as a"make-work project" — creating work within the community. The project was funded by the provincial government through the ministry of colleges. Drew Marketing and Communications of St. Catharines was contracted to do the design and Zar Graphics of Welland did the painting.

TIME A PROBLEM

The project had to be completed within a short time period and Mr. Zanutto cites this as a reason for some of the existing flaws.

"We approved the design — which is the number of signs that would be installed, and where — which I think is perfect, but because of time constraints we were not able to study the artwork (color codes, etc.)," Mr. Zanutto said.

Mr. Spittle said if a better explanation of what the color codes mean is included, a person could better follow the signs.

"It clearly does not assist in guiding newcomers around the campus," he said.

Mr. Zanutto does see a positive side to the project and is optomisitc about its success.

"We have a start on a system that gives Mr. Spittle and me a base to work with. I see it as a five-year build-up," he said. "I feel positive of what we have. It is unfortunate that we were backed into it because of timing."

Bus shelter repairs follow Halloween

Students who huddle for warmth inside the bus shelter located beside parking lot E will be glad to know that the glass panes missing from the structure are to be replaced.

"I can't give you a specific date, but they will be repaired starting this week," Joe Hrechanyk, Welland Transit superintendent, said.

The city's Public Works will be repairing the 24 shelters located throughout Welland in an endeavor to save costs, Mr. Hrechanyk said.

The cost of replacing the glass panes is about $45 per pane, including installation. The Transit Commision had originally substituted plexi-glass for safety glass to save costs, but because of safety concern, has switched back to safety glass.

"We're trying to get it done as cheaply as possible," Mr. Hrechanyk said.

AFTER HALLOWEEN

Transit officials were waiting until Halloween was over before commencing repair work on the shelters.

"Vandalism is a concern," Mr. Hrechanyk said. "We have no insurance for vandalism. It's just too costly."

Jack Spittle, plant and property manager, said that although vandalism increases during exam time, it is difficult to assess who is responsible for the damaged shelter.

"It's pretty hard to pinpoint where the problem lies," he said.

Mr. Spittle added that there have been no reported cases of vandalism at the college this year.

Up from last year, increase in donations

Niagara College's annual blood donor clinic drew 275 donors — up 76 from the last clinic held here last March.

"It was an excellent clinic," Marjorie Frith, executive director of the Red Cross chapter in Welland, said. "Student Council did an excellent job and so did the kids."

Eugene Maltais, an organizer, commented on the long line of people waiting to donate. "They didn't seem to be able to handle the number of donors," he said. "No one should have to wait two hours to donate blood."

Mark Tayti, a first-year journalism student, had to wait more than two hours. "I didn't expect it to take so long," he said. Mark said the longest part of the wait was before potential donors found out if they could donate. "The girl I was with waited for over an hour before being told she was not eligible."

All 16 dental hygiene students tried to donate but 11 were turned away because they had just received rubella shots, Mr. Maltais said.

Donors must be more than 90 pounds and must not be on medication.

The Corpsuckle Cup was won, for the sixth year in a row, by the ambulance and emergency care program with a 68.7 per cent donation rate. The first year law and security program donated the most blood — 44 pints (38.9 per cent), but the Cup goes toward the class with the highest percentage of donors, Mr. Maltais said. The cup will be presented to the class some time next month.

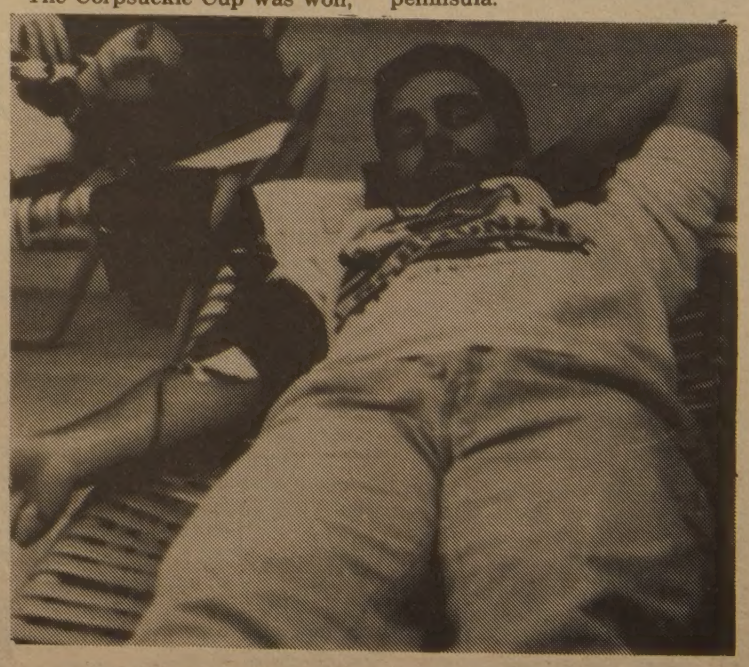
More than 50 first-time donors gave at Monday's clinic, Mr. Maltais said. He was pleased with this number because "when people donate once, they tend to donate for the rest of their lives."

CLINIC IMPORTANT

Mrs. Frith said this clinic was an important one because the "need is so great this time of year." With the Christmas holidays coming up, there tend to be more accidents.

She is hoping to have a second one again in March because of the great response. However, this decision must be made by SAC.

The blood will go to Hamilton to be tested for AIDS and Hepatitis and will then go to hospitals in the Niagara peninsula.



SAC president Darryl Nadeau gives the gift of life at the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic last Monday. Photo by Julie DeBruin

Drugs no answer

"Try hugs, not drugs."

This slogan represents and advertises the Niagara Region's Addiction Awareness Week to be held next week.

"The organizing committee wants to alert people to their addiction problems as well as those around them," Dawn Hall, college nurse, said.

It is hoped that people will stop and think about their addiction problems — if any — and get help, or get involved with the committee itself, Mrs. Hall said.

The Niagara planning coordinator, Carmela DiFlumeri, and helpers gave Niagara College posters and advertisement cards which have been distributed throughout the college hoping to draw attention to Awareness Week, Mrs. Hall said.

NO EVENTS HERE

Despite efforts of the committee to get schools involved, Niagara College will not be having any presentations, guest speakers or seminars.

"I did not know anything about it," D.L. Webster, SAC vice president of internal affairs, said. "No one told me anything about it and it's too late to plan anything now."

Even public schools have been given posters hoping for their involvement, because this is where it all starts, Mrs. Hall said.

Public health and registered nurses attended a seminar last Friday in St. Catharines on drug addictions including alcohol, caffeine and nicotine.

"The seminar was to update so we can counsel those who need help, make them aware of resources and additional help available," Mrs. Hall said.

Your help is needed. Support the United Way

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Editorials

Action for survival

The atmosphere — a necessity of life, yet man seems intent on destroying it. Acid rain is poisoning our soil and lakes. Radiation, introduced into the air through nuclear testing and accidents like the one at Chernobyl, is destroying millions of acres of top soil. Now scientists are discovering pollution is eating away the ozone layer which protects us from the sun's ultra violet rays.

Is this the price that must be paid in the name of progress? What will it take to make the public realize that these problems will not disappear into thin air, so to speak? If this planet is to support future generations, something has to be done now.

The government needs to know its voters expect them to make good on their promises to clean up the Great Lakes and pass legislation that will force industry to spend the extra money to properly dispose of their waste material.

The government has to know their Canadian people are backing them up when they go to Washington to talk about acid rain.

It's as simple as writing a letter to a local MP.

This planet's survival may depend on what is done today to halt the abuse it has suffered at the hands of its people.

Julie DeBruin

Ending wife abuse

Wife abuse is the single most unreported crime in the country. It's estimated that one in ten women are physicallly abused, but many women are emotionally and mentally abused and may not even realize it.

Some women are persecuted with feelings of self-criticism and guilt; there is always a sense of, "Did I do everything I could to prevent this from happening?".

Generally, abuse between men and women causes a deterioration in the relationship which increases the chance of further abuse.

Many women experience a complete loss of self-determination and persistent feeling of vulnerability. But all too often, they love their mates and hope that the abuse will stop. Most women don't have the money to leave and often stay for the sake of the children.

Nothing can stop the abuse cycle except leaving the abusive partner. This is always a painful solution but something that must be done; it could save someone's sanity or even her life.

Women must decide that they want the abuse cycle broken and realize that there is probably a better future awaiting them if they could only get the courage and determination to leave.

Everyone has the right to live in freedom from fear.

Margaret Bartlett

Long lines at blood clinic

Dear Editor:

As a first time blood donor, I will seriously think about it before I donate again. I found it a very slow process.

From the time I went into the gym until I came out, 2½ hours had passed. I was lucky because I had three spares so I could spend the time standing or sitting there, waiting. It took only 10 to 15 minutes to take the blood. Many people I know did not give blood because they would have to skip classes to wait in line in order to donate blood.

One would think that the Red Cross does not need as much blood as they are claiming. If they do, maybe they would make the effort to provide more screening booths and more beds.

I think that anyone who is able should give blood but he should not have to wait for such a long time. I think they would have an even better turnout if the wait was not quite as long.

Anne Hofsink
First year journalism

Letters

Member clears up questions

Dear Editor:

I would like to clarify some of the issues raised in the article headlined "Constituting 'conflict of interest' if teacher on Board: Chairman" in the Oct. 30, 1987, edition of the Niagara News. After reading the article one may get the mistaken impression that the Board of Governors views membership on the board by a full-time faculty member to be in violation of conflict of interest guidelines. This simply has not been my experience.

The board should be complimented for taking the initiative of involving internal bodies in board discussions. At the start of this year, a majority of the external members of the board approved of having internal observers sit in on board meetings until the elected representatives of the four internal groups (student, faculty, support staff and administration) received official status as governors on the board in January of 1988.

These elected members will have all of the rights and priviliges of external board members except for the right to vote. (The right-to-vote issue will be reviewed by the Minister of Colleges and Universities two years from now.) In January all board members whether internal or external will be sitting under the same Statutory Requirements and Guidelines on Conflicts of Interest as outlined in your article.

The question I raised at the October meeting of the board was: Would the Board view an external member as being in a conflict of interest situation if he accepted a part-time teaching position at the college?

I personally do not see such a situation as necessarily being in conflict of interest. I view this as an opportunity whereby an external member of the board will be able to experience both the joys and rigors of classroom teaching as well as encounter first-hand the manner in which the management of the college administers and executes board policy. Equipped with such intimate experiences of college life I trust that the external board member will be better able to serve the entire college community based on his knowledge of the day-to-day concers of staff and students.

David P. Abraham
Mathematics Division

At community colleges

Insult to college teachers

Dear Editor:

To me, it is an insult to all community college teachers to suggest that a teacher on the Board of Governors might be representing only a narrow "interest group."

The story on page 1 of the last edition of the Niagara News discussed possible conflict of interest if a teacher were on the board. It quoted minutes of a meeting of the board's administrative affairs committee which was considering a paper from the Council of Regents entitled Statutory Requirements and Guidelines on Conflict of Interest and Roles.

The minutes said, "It was noted that it may be difficult for internal board members not to 'act as spokespersons for, or delegates of, any interest group.' " The ensuing discussion stressed that a governor's position on the board "supersedes any other position and his/her primary responsibility is to the college and not to any interest group."

The concerns of the teachers of this college are for their students, for their progress and success in their programs. Their concern is to do their utmost to stimulate and encourage excellence, to ensure that these students will be competent and effective in the work places for which they are being trained.

Surely, these are the concerns of the college as a whole. Teachers who question any procedures or decisions that might impede attainment of these goals are showing interest in, and concern for, the very raison d'etre of Niagara College, and every college in the province.

To suggest that they would be speaking for a "narrow interest group" shows total unawareness of how the teachers at Niagara regard themselves, their responsibilities and their achievements. No doubt, the other three groups, who are on the board as internal members — students, support and administrative staff — feel the same way, but I felt I could speak only as a teacher.

As an editor of the Niagara News, I usually feel obliged to remain professionally mute, but this time I felt that I could speak my mind, as can anyone, in a letter to the editor.

Barbara Blue
Journalism teacher.

Lack of silence on Nov. 11

Dear Editor:

There are 525,600 minutes in a year, and I find it really pathetic that people can't take two minutes out of their less-than-busy schedules to bow their heads in silence to show their respect to the thousands of men who gave their lives overseas.

If it wasn't for those thousands of men, where would we be today? Working for the government and wearing one-inch thick moustaches under our noses.

I was in the cafeteria at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, and to say that the people's reaction to the Rememberance Day ceremony was disrespectful would be giving the students who were in there too much credit.

People were carrying on as if it was any other day for those two minutes. There were even people playing video games. If it were not for the thousands of courageous men in the two World Wars, we wouldn't even have those video games.

And if people try to use the excuse that they couldn't hear the music on the speaker, try again. I was standing at the back of the cafeteria, farther away from the speakers than most, and I could still hear the music over the rudeness of the people in there.

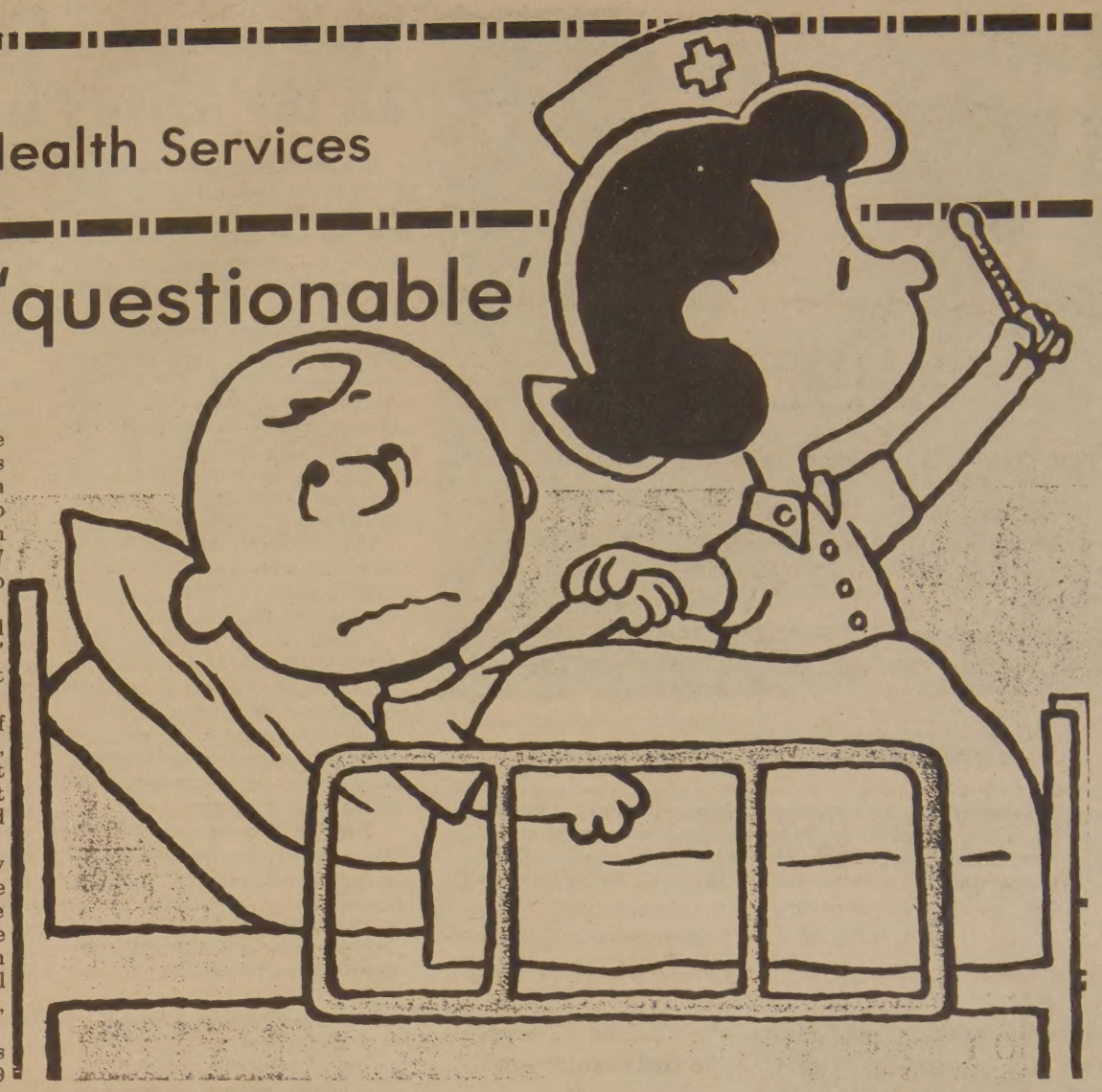
I think that maybe the people who were in the cafeteria on Wednesday should think about their fathers, grandfathers and all of the other thousands of brave Canadians who fought to make our country what it is today when Rememberance Day comes about next year.

Randy Conlon
Second year journalism student.

Hockey party to Buffalo

Tickets for a Sabres-Oilers game in Buffalo are available at the Student Administrative Council office. The 40 tickets are $20 which includes transportation for the Nov. 29 game. The bus will leave the college at 6 p.m.

Focus on Health Services



Health care hours 'questionable'

By HELEN DOAN
Staff Writer

In 1975 Annette Bailey-Belaire was diagnosed as having multiple sclerosis. Although she can walk with the aid of canes, she uses a motorized wheelchair to attend classes at the Welland campus. Annette uses health services — for minor cuts and to talk with the nurse.

"I get tired in the afternoon," Annette said. "I have wanted to lie down in the afternoon, but I've noticed they (Health Services) haven't been open."

She would like to see the Health Services hours extended because anyone could have a serious accident during the time the office is closed.

Richard Andres, 19, is a first-year business sales student. He was born with spina bifida — a curvature of the spine which causes paralysis. Although he is able to walk with crutches, he uses a wheelchair at school.

"I haven't had cause yet to use the nursing services," Richard said. But he feels that even for non-disabled people, there should be medical help available during school hours.

Lucie Demizio, who has multiple sclerosis and uses a wheelchair, was a student at the college seven years ago. She used to lie down in the nursing office when her heavy schedule made her tired. Now she is enrolled in general college. "I get tired as the day goes on," she said. "Fridays I go till 4 p.m. By that time I'm ready to go home and lie down there."

She uses the Health Services washroom because not all of the college's washrooms are equiped for the handicapped. "When Health Services is closed, it affects my schedule very much. I contact someone from the bookstore, who contacts a receptionsist to assist me," she said. As long as someone is there to assist her, Lucie said the present arrangement is acceptable.

Niagara College maintains two health centres — one at the St. Catharines campus and one at Welland. Although each is staffed by a nurse, only one is a full-time position.

Last December Dawn Hall was hired as a part-time nurse for the Welland office. Previously the position had been designated as full-time — the centre was open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — but when nurse Marian Kerr retired after more than 17 years, the status was changed to part-time.

"A lot of people were surprised when the hours were cut back," Donna Wessels, full-time nurse at the St.Catharines campus, said.

Morris Bosey, co-ordinator of counselling and health services, said he thinks the hours were cut for budget reasons and is not aware of any move to extend them.

Both health nurses receive pay Band salary rates. But there are benifits that only full-time employees receive — the college pays partial extended health coverage, pension plan and dental it pays complete OHIP covrage, Mrs. Wessels said.

The Welland campus office is open Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a 1 p.m. closing o Friday; the St. Catharines office is open 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday.

"We're kind of vulnerable at that time," Mr. Bosey said about the early afternoon closings at the Welland campus. "If the college is open to receive more and more handicapped, perhaps the hours need to be extended to have nursing hours open all those hours when handicapped students are here."

He suggested that it was an area that student council should be involved in. "SAC should be approached. I'm sure a change could be made." He said Dr. Nora McCardell, executive director of educational and student services, has invited the student council to become more involved in being advocates for student needs.

As of Sept. 18, there were 3,530 full and part-time post secondary students enrolled who could use the main campus health centre. At the St. Catharines campus 430 students are enrolled in adult training programs and could use their health centre. Yet St. Catharines has a full-time nurse and Welland does not.

Keith Rae, Associate registrar of Brock University, said about 4,700 full-time students are enrolled this year. Only full-time students pay a health service fee and are eligible to use the facility.

Nancy Lanfranchie is the nurse at Brock's health centre. Her position is full-tme for nine months — September to mid-May, her office is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"There seem to be more and more handicapped people coming to university — the opportunity is there for them," she said.

Dorothy Doyle, who sits on Niagara College's special needs committee, said the number of handicapped students at the college has increased in the last few years. "If they have one central pivot (health services) to come to, they feel more secure."

There are program and student differences between the two Niagara College campuses.

St. Catharines campus offers many skill programs.

"With any of the skill programs there is always the risk of injury, especially when students are new and learning," Mrs. Wessels said. "There are lots of cuts or burns from the welding shop or the kitchen program."

While most students at the Welland campus are fresh out of high school, the majority at St. Catharines are in their late 20s and above. Some have lost jobs and are being retrained.

"There's a big emotional factor for the person who hasn't been in school for many years," Mrs. Wessels said. Losing a job is emotional itself.

She said nursing at St. Catharines mainly concerns chronic health problems and emotional health problems. "People think of Tylenol and Band-Aids, but that's a very small part of health service. There is always someone who can fix a cut finger, but with emotional problems you need someone with more than first aid. You rally know how important health services are when you see someone falling apart."

Cases of severe emotional crisis, may occur and require immediate referral to qualified agencies. This may occur several times a year.

Mrs. Hall said most of her cases at the main campus deal with minor illnesses — colds, flu and allergies. She has treated about four burns caused by curling irons since she was hired. The hotel and restaurant program in Niagara Falls look after themselves, she said. "I know from the supplies they order they have numerous burns. If they were severe, they'd have to go to the hospital."

Mrs. Hall sees abut four handicapped students on a regular basis.

"We try to get them onto our routine or we run into problems," She said. "One student needed help with putting on his jacket so we worked out a schedule. If he left after me, another student would help."

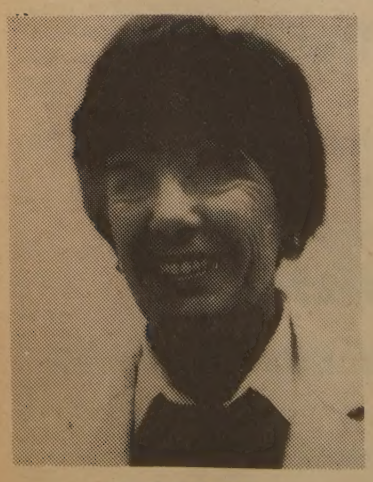
She said that she could probably fill the time if her hours were extended. Longer hours, however, would not prevent accidents from happening, she said. "Before a decision was made to extend the hours we would have to ask what are the problems and can we take care of them before 2 p.m.?" From 2 p.m. till 4 p.m. 90 per cent of the students are in class and so she would probably only see minor illnesses.

Ms. Wessels said, "Some people go home at 2 or 3 p.m. so as the day goes on, I see fewer people."

The apprentice cook programs start in the afternoon and finsh in early evening. "If I leave at 4:30, and someone cuts themselves, there's no nurse."

No one can predict when a crisis will occur, Miss Doyle said. "The nurse could be working full time and out of the building five minutes and there could be a crisis."

But she said the college is a student service. "If Health Services is there, it should be full time. We give students good service, but the hours are questionable."



DAWN HALL

DONNA WESSELS

DOROTHY DOYLE

Just wants to clarify...

Dear Editor:

I would like to clarify a few points in an article written by Brian McLaughlin about me (Oct. 16). First, I didn't say that I thought it was God's timing but that it was His timing.

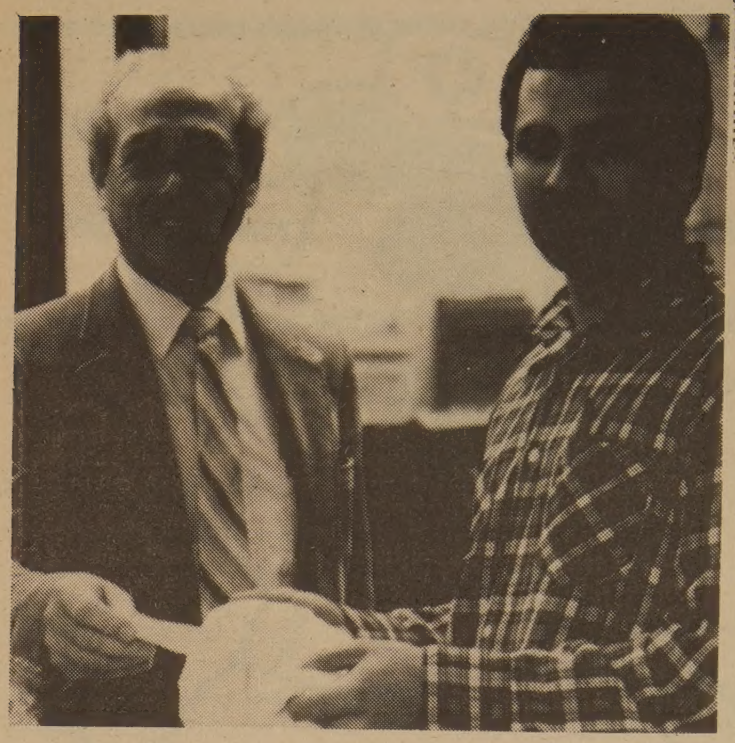
Secondly, I don't recall saying that mature graduates are "much more wanted" but that given the same qualifications an employer might choose the mature person simply to avoid certain problems which might arise with a young person such as marriage, pregnancy leave etc. It would be less likely for that to happen with a mature student.

Lastly "most kids are here to kill time" was completely taken out of context. Brian and I were discussing how many kids coming from high school seem to have little hope because of the world's condition, threats of war, and economical and ecological problems facing them. I said that a general college course might give a young person time to adapt to the change in school and also a chance to get some kind of goals for their future.

I'm sure Brian didn't mean to cut that part and I understand, when editing takes place, this kind of thing can occur, but it really bothered me and has continued to do so, that there are kids thinking that I meant they're all wasting time. I personally know many young people who know exactly what they want and how to work to achieve it.

Thanks for the chance to correct the misunderstanding.

Jeanine Pearson
Library Technician program



Frenchship Club draw

Fred Habermehl, dean of applied arts, draws the winning ticket for the Frenchship Club Halloween basket from club president Shaz Laxmidhar. The winner, with ticket number 10040, was Tom Busnarda, Niagara teacher. Photo by Patricia Gleadall

Technology on the move

The technology division is trying a new approach to promoting its programs this year. Instructors are travelling to area high schools displaying and demonstrating aspects of their programs.

Two technology programs were recently suspended because of declining enrolment. "We're in the sad position of having empty places and not enough people to fill them; it's really a tragedy," George Rowbottom, chairman of the manufacturing, mechanical construction division, said.

The division has travelled to shopping malls in the past but not to high schools. Fifteen displays are planned for this term.

"There has been a shift away from technology programs and we are trying to redress it because they have a lot to offer," he said.

"We are trying to increase the awareness of high school students to the many opportunities in the technology programs."

There is not a natural lead from high schools to technology programs and that is a big problem, he said.

"Perhaps the problem is lack of information; we are trying to improve that information."

Construction students urged to compete

Construction technology students were encouraged to enter the R2000 Construction Design Challenge Competition by Chris Gates, an adviser from the Ministry of Energy, who spoke at the college Nov. 4.

"It's a tremendous learning experience," he said. "I encourage students to take on the challenge. I hope to see something from Niagara College this year."

He gave a two-hour slide presentation about construction and building science issues and the R2000 home program which is a super energy efficient home program started in 1981 by the federal government. The purpose of the program is to improve construction efficiency across Canada.

BETTER DESIGN

Students entering the design competition will design a low energy house keeping buildability and affordability in mind. The ministry is looking for a better overall design, Mr. Gates said. He advised against getting hung up on the energy aspect; it must meet building code requirements and be economical and practical, too.

Winners of the competition will win a four-month-long work apprenticeship in a prestigious design firm and $25,000 for their school's bursary fund from Fiberglass Canada.

"I am encouraged to see this kind of interest," he said, to the second and third-year students.

Mr. Gates travels across the province promoting the challenge to colleges and universities. This is the third year for the program.

A LONG WAY

"We've come a long way from the kind of low energy design houses we saw in the mid 70's," he said. They were mostly in Toronto and were terribly expensive. Today Fonthill has the highest amount of R2000 houses per capita in Canada.

"We have fought the image that low energy houses are funny, odd looking houses." he said. Today R2000 houses look the same as the house next door; they are just upgraded to R2000 standards.

Builders must take workshops before they can build this kind of house. Mines and resources Canada tests the houses and gives them certification which is good for resale, he said.

Need change for approval

The Council of Regents has not fully approved the college's procedure formats for electing internal Board of Governor nominees. The board was to discuss the issues requiring changes in the academic affairs committee meeting Nov. 5, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

Since last spring there have been internal board observers representing students, faculty, administration and support staff. Last month Miss Robarts said representatives from the four groups will be elected by their peers and become board members.

"It is hoped that changes satisfactory to the Council of Regents can be made in time to hold elections prior to Christmas so internal members can be inducted in January along with other new external board members," Miss Robarts said.

Chance to win $50 Nevada draw

Niagara students have a chance to win up to $50 in the Ambulance twice-weekly Nevada Draw in the main cafeteria.

Every Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. students can buy the scratch-and-win tickets for 50 cents each and win from $1 to $50.

Ambulance student Glen Gillies said the money raised will be used to support club activities and buy new medical and athletic equipment which would enhance students training.

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AIDS remains scary, confusing for many people

By WENDY KUDEBA
Staff Writer

It is not easy to get AIDS, Alan Spencer of the Niagara Regional Health Department stressed in a seminar given to a packed Hamilton Room on Nov. 3.

All were attentive as Mr. Spencer explained that "anybody can get it but you cannot get it from casual contact." Casual contact includes touching a person, sharing a hairbrush or drinking from the same glass.

AIDS stands for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and the virus must get into the blood stream to affect a person. Most people who get the virus do so through sexual contact or by sharing a needle with someone for the purpose of taking drugs.

"A lot of the fear of AIDS is over reaction and paranoia, but there is reason for concern," Mr. Spencer said. People may have the virus and unknowingly pass it on to others causing a chain reaction and spreading the disease even further.

Risky Behavior

Mr. Spencer played a movie called Sex, Drugs and AIDS which explicitly explained what AIDS is and how it can be transmitted. The film also explained Mr. Spencer's term "risky behavior."

Risky behavior includes having sexual contact with many partners, sharing a needle with someone or having received blood or blood products before November 1985 when the Red Cross and all other invloved organizations began testing blood for the AIDS virus.

It is not possible to get AIDS through donating blood, Mr. Spencer said. He encouraged students to do so. However, anyone involved in risky behavior should not donate, nor should people donate for the purpose of finding out if they have the virus.

Having the virus does not necessarily mean that a person will get a life-threatening AIDS disease. To date, there is only one person in the Niagara Region who has been diagnosed as having AIDS. A person having the virus can pass it on to others, though.

"AIDS is a life-threatening condition that there is no cure for," Mr. Spencer said. It knows no barriers, and even though the majority of infected people are homosexuals, "it is not a gay disease, it affects everybody."

Common symptoms are fatigue, a fever or chill; night sweats; swollen lymph glands located in the neck, underarms or groin; white spots or unusual blemishes in the mouth; a persistent or dry cough; diarrhea; and flat or raised skin blotchces or bumps. The symptoms are not clear as people react differently and the incubation period for the virus is different for each infected person.

People scared

"People are scared to be tested because there is so much discrimination against people carrying the virus ," Mr. Spencer said. "We are trying to emphasize that you cannot get it from only casual contact with someone, You almost have to want to have it."

The number of AIDS cases doubles each year and costs $50,000 to $100,000 per patient per year. One hundred thousand people have AIDS, 300,000 to 500,000 have ARC (aids-related complex) or PLS (persistnet lymphadenopathy syndrome); and five to 10 million people have an asymptomatic infection related to the AIDS virus.

Heart breaking

Perhaps the most heartbreaking cases of all are those in which an infected mother passes the virus on to her unborn child. Infants usually develop AIDS quickly and therefore, do not live long, whereas the infant's mother may never even develop AIDS herself. In Ontario, there is only one such case.

The leading cause of disease resulting from AIDS is a type of pneumonia or skin cancer usually appearing on the face. People usually live up to two years once they have develped AIDS but some have been known to live for a longer or shorter period of time.

A lot of research is being done, but "ethical, moral and legal issues cause problems," Mr. Spencer said. "People make judgments on people and how they got the disease; when someone gets the disease from sex, we ostracize them."

New council

Reps to come from across college

By HELEN DOAN
Staff Writer

A new College Council of elected members from all elements of Niagara College will act as an advisory group to the president and "increase ways of communication between management and staff," Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

"If the council will insure that the president is aware of concerns of students and all levels of staff, ultimately decisions that must be made by the president's office will have the benefits of council members' input," Miss Robarts said. She said it was important for the president to be aware of educational concerns of the (college) community at all levels.

A steering committee recommended terms of reference. Its chairman is Dr. Tony Knowles

"The entire college has an obligation to make the Council work," Dr. Knowles said. "We have been handed an opportunity and we must make it work."

Last spring Gregory Sorbara, past minister of colleges and universities, indicated to all colleges that they should have a council to advise the president, Miss Robarts.

COLLEGES DECIDE

A draft of guidelines from the ministry left the specific size, structure and composition of each council to the discretion of individual colleges, providing consideration was given to: the need for representation across campuses, academic divisions and reporting levels; the eligibility of post-secondary and adult training students; francophone representation in colleges designated by the ministry as having a special mandate to serve francophones; and appropriate representation of women. Participation on the council and its committees is on a voluntary basis.

One goal of the College Council is to promote communication and consultation within the college.

The steering committee has met six times since September and is in the process of working through the terms of reference.

"We are looking at having a broad representation — perhaps 45 members — from across the college community," Dr. Knowles said. "Everyone on the steering committee has been working very hard to make sure the terms of reference will set up a college council that will be effective for Niagara College." Representatives of students, faculty, administration and support staff sit on the steering committee.

LIVELY DEBATE

He said the lively debate the committee has had on some issues has been extremely productive.

"We expect to have a draft ready for the President's Executive Committee and the Board of Governors, by early December, with the anticipation we can get approval at the board level during January," Dr. Knowles said.

Miss Robarts said the board will have to approve all aspects before the document can be sent to the Council of Regents, which will approve it or ask for amendments.

The idea of an advisory committee to the president is not entirely new to the college. An academic assembly has been in existence for about four years, Miss Robarts said. Once each term a group of students, faculty and administrators met to discuss an issue of importance to the academic community. The group has not met this term since the steering committee has been meeting frequently.

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Senate turns old classroom into lounge

The new student senate at the St. Catharines campus transformed an old classroom on the third floor into a Student Activity Centre, a lounge where senate work is conducted and where students can shoot some pool, play darts or just relax with other students.

"The last senate started to arrange for a larger room but that was just in the talking stages," Jacques Boulianne, senate president, said.

Other members of the senate are vice-president Carolyn Mason, recording-secretary Wayne Sanford, corresponding secretary Debbie Cosgrove, treasurer Judy Jahnke and events chairperson Anne Goodnough.

The purpose of the senate lounge is to get students involved with the senate and for the senate to become more aware of problems students may have, Mr. Boulianne said.

Some sort of lounge is needed because the St. Catharines campus does not have sports or many major activities where students can meet each other, Mr. Boulianne said. The senate provides horseshoes, volleyballs and net and road hockey nets for the students' use.

SOME PURCHASES

Each game on the pool table costs 50 cents. The money goes towards the cost of the table. The senate has also purchased a stereo, two dart boards and darts, playing cards and plush furniture for the luxury of the students. The room is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every school day.

The student activity centre also acts as an office for the senate, which is why it is locked during classes. "People are finally getting to know that there is a senate at this campus," Mr. Boulianne said.

He is trying to close a "communication gap" between the senate and the Student Administrative Council (SAC). "Communication is the biggest problem we have with the Welland campus," he said.

For the first time the St. Catharines senate has had good communications with SAC, Mr. Boulianne said. However, some problems remain such as pub night publicity. The St. Catharines campus pubs, are not always publicized at the Welland campus because it sometimes conflicts with their pubs, and SAC naturally wants to give thier pubs precedence, Mr. Boulianne said. He gave an example when a pub night, sponsored by each campus on the same night, got a little mixed up at Gord's and Shooter's, adjacent bars in St. Catharines.

NEW STUDENTS WELCOME

Another new facet implemented by the senate is orientation every Monday for new students coming to the campus. This is an opportunity for the students to get to know the senate, Mr. Boulianne said.

The senate has also published a pamphlet titled "What's in it for me?" This pamphlet explains what the senate is, who is involved, and what is available to the students.

On Nov. 20 the senate is running a bus to Shea's Buffalo Theatre to see A Chorus Line. Tickets are $25 each and available from the senate in room 304.

The annual children's Christmas party open to students and their families of St. Catharines campus will be held Dec. 13. Santa Claus and his elves will be there and there will be a magic show and gifts for the children. Tickets are $3 per family, regardless of whether the family consists of one or five members, Mr. Boulianne said.

For information about the Christmas party or A Chorus Line, contact any senate member in the Student Activity Centre in room 304 or call 684-4315, ext. 447.

Buildings tempt students

The Niagara College Construction Association really digs finding out about the building industry, and it's going places to do it.

"We're trying to organize a site visit of the Sky Dome or the Scotia Plaza," club president Jean St. Pierre said.

On Nov. 27 the club is going to Toronto for a seminar called Inroads to China. This all-day excursion is to learn about Chinese customs in construction.

The seminar at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute is sponsored jointly by the Ontario chapter of the American Institute of Constructors and the Project Management Program, Department of Architectural Science and Landscape Architecture at Ryerson.

Last month the club attended a trade show in Hamilton called Building Together. It involved many professionals in the construction industry including architects, engineers, consultants, real estate agents, general contractors, subcontractors and building suppliers.

On Nov. 5, the club had a tour of Acres, a consulting firm in Niagara Falls that deals with power projects. "It was an opportunity to get acquainted with what a consulting firm does," Mr. St. Pierre said.

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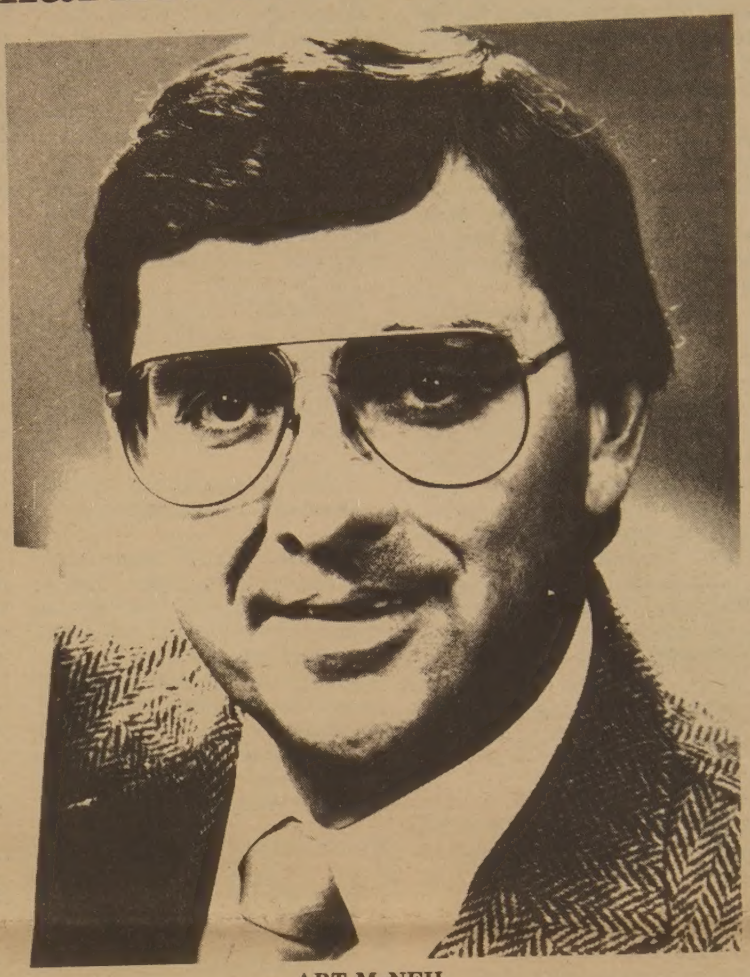
Author cites leadership, vision for world market success

Canadian corporations should use a "true leadership concept and the art of visioning" so they can compete effectively in the world market place, Art McNeil, corporate consultant and author, told a press conference at Niagara College.

Mr. McNeil was at the college Nov. 2 to give an informal presentation of his best-selling book, The I of the Hurricane and a core preview of a seminar which he will give the college on Nov. 26. The seminar is offered through continuing education.

The book, which is aimed at top level management on leadership and why business executives succeed as leaders when others fail, was printed in January and by July, 10,000 copies were sold. It remained on Canada's best seller list for 10 weeks and a paper back copy will be printed early next year.

Mr. McNeil is founder and president of the consulting firm for executives on leadership, The Achieve Group. He said the leadership concept is "so simple I don't think I can make it complicated enough for business people to hang on to. If we didn't have all our training, we'd be all right."



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Leadership has been around for a long time but it has gradually subsided because of societies' infatuation with technology and management.

"I believe we are overmanaged and underled. Leadership is the will to win and the desire to belong."

Effective leaders, with a trust basis, must have a vision of a preferred future. "Visioning is not trying to predict the future but knowing where a company is heading, molding that with central values, and communicating it to other people through actions not words."

Mr. McNeil believes that given time, Canadian corporations can change and become more effective to compete internationally.

Canadians have a tremendous educated work force and do have the capacity to imagine futures that do not exist and make them happen. But Canada can't shift on a dime when strategies for national survival don't work because it has nothing spiritual to hang on to.

"Canada can build a complete market strategy on that trust. That gives us a tremendous edge on the U.S. and Japan who ranked 22 and 23 in the survey."

The only way to develop trust is to have a shared vision. If people have different mental pictures for the way it should be, there will always be mistrust.

Mr. McNeil can realistically see management and labor coming together one day.

"They will sit down, identify a preferred future that both can agree on rather than the silly mating dance they go through now where they literally destroy each other."

The early explorer used the north star. He never expected to get there, but he used it to get everywhere. If things become confusing for labor or management, they can stop, catch sight of the north star or vision and make changes.

"People need a spiritual north star to hang on to, and that's what makes winning corporations."

Art exhibit captures childhood memories

By Gordon Wilson
Staff Writer

A bit of life is breathed into quiet black and white photographic prints on display at the art gallery in Hennepin Hall.

In a preview of the exhibit held Oct. 30, Whitby photographer Mary Ellen McQuay displayed her hand-painted prints which she titled Memories.

The exhibit at the gallery until Nov. 21 is about her childhood memories. Certain images on the prints have been hand-painted to show a specific memory.

One print titled Room B II is of a black and white window with red flowers and green leaves. Except for the color image, it's like looking into the past. Lack of any human beings in the prints suggests that they are lonely places to be.

The vibrant part of the memory is in color. The black and white image is the fuzzy memory. Mary Ellen used a photographic fibre paper which allows the artist to paint on the print.

Hand-painted photography is more than 100 years old. Mary Ellen toned the prints which means they will last for about 200 years.

Display

Her work has been on display in many Canadian galleries. She has participated in many festivals and art shows throughout Ontario.

Her work has appeared in two Canadian magazines and is included in more than 300 private collections in Canada and the United States.

Mary Ellen who likes to travel said the images are from Eastern Canada, Ontario, the Prairies, South America, and the Bahamas.

It's a little about the Wizard of Oz, she said. It's about when Dorothy opens the door from her Kansas home and sees the new land in vivid color.

Mary Ellen said she likes to add the color when she sees it. She is a believer in "Just follow your instincts."

One print titled the Homestead is a view of a path that disappears beyond very vivid colored trees. The view is from a black and white window. "It's about one's personal search and journey and about little pathways through the woods," Mary Ellen said.

Another, titled Widow's Watch, shows a chair looking out to sea. Mary Ellen said it's almost about a woman sitting in the chair waiting for her sailor to return. You can almost see a woman sitting in the chair.

Mary Ellen feels very strongly about the images she wanted to make. "It's about coming home and it's about my childhood memories."

Photos Dec.2-4

Grad photos will be taken in the Tecumseh Lounge Dec. 2-4. Appointments must be made through the Student Administrative Council office where a $5 sitting fee will be required. This money will go towards a year book put together for graduating students.

Another photo session will be arranged for the spring.

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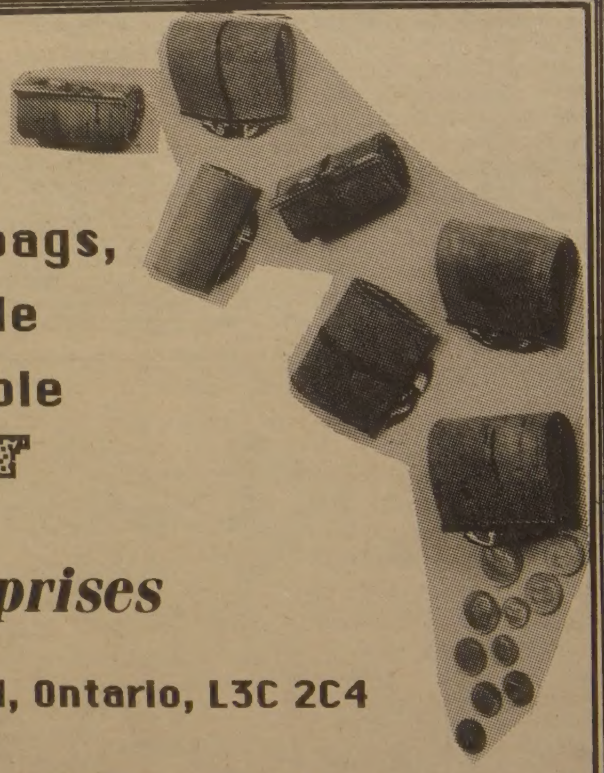

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Students, students

Turning dreams into reality

By HELEN DOAN
Staff Writer

A summer in Saulte Ste. Marie as a junior fire ranger for the Ministry of Natural Resources altered Robyn Bingham's career aspirations. She met one of Niagara College's theatre arts graduates and decided it was the course for her.

"In high school I was always interested in theatre," Robyn said. "I mostly worked backstage helping with set construction, although I did become part of the chorus for our final show — the musical Hair."

First-year theatre arts students taste a bit of everything — set construction, sound, make up, costuming and props — then are given a particular area to work on for a produced show. In second year, the students specialize and are placed in their specialized fields for work experience.

Robyn's main area of interest has changed about four times. Now it seems to be lighting and promotions.

ROBYN BINGHAM

Last summer she had a chance to work for Toronto Free Theatre but forfeited it because it would have conflicted with another job. This summer she would like to work in Muskoka in a summer stock theatre.

"I'd like to work as a production assistant," she said. "It means working wherever help is needed. You still get to experiment and see where you want to be."

This year the program is attempting something new. The final show will be a series of vignettes having a common theme. "There will be concentration on sound and lighting rather than props and sets," Robyn said.

She describes Sweeney Todd, listed for the upcoming theatre season, as "a very emotional play." The plot involves a barber who returns home after a number of years away, seeking revenge for his wife's murder.

"We are doing the musical version and parts are open to both technical and acting students," Robyn said.

An announcement was made recently that theatre arts may be relocating to the St. Catharine's campus.

"At first I was very against it," Robyn said. "This was my home and I didn't want to move away from it." Now she feels that the move will open doors. "We could learn television, movie and concert lighting from the radio and television program."

Robyn will have graduated by the time any move becomes a reality. Her plans for the future are up in the air. "Working in theatre in Toronto is a possibility. Or I might find another school and specialize further."

Student waits in the wings

By Sharon Andres
Staff Writer

Acting is Jeff Dineen's ultimate dream but in the meantime he is eking out an existence in the bowels of Niagara College's Theatre Centre in Welland.

Jeff, a graduate of the theatre program at the University of Waterloo, is in his second year of study at Niagara College where he is specializing in stage management.

Jeff came to the Theatre Centre because he "didn't learn enough on the practical side of things" at Waterloo. Deadlines have to be met in this program unlike Waterloo, there it was all theory, he said.

Jeff has been involved with a wide variety of plays including Richard the Third, The Odd Couple, Absurd Person Singular and a children's show, Mystery of Oak Island Treasure. His favorite actor is William Hurt and he enjoyed the Broadway show Cats so much he saw it twice.

The job of stage manager is best described as a "liaison between cast director and the rest of the production staff," Jeff said. The stage manager deals with a lot of paper work concerning the planning and scheduling of productions.

JEFF DINEEN

"I will be 80 per cent prepared for the working world," Jeff said. "But I'll be sheltered in a way because the faculty here will fix our mistakes such as in set construction. In the real world you have to fix your own mistakes."

Besides the building being too small for the 60 students enrolled at the Theatre Centre, Jeff speaks highly of the program. First year students take a variety of courses dealing with theatre such as lighting, sound, carpentry, make-up and stage management.

Jeff's "big beef" is that the "main campus students don't know we're here and we'd like their support." They don't know where the Theatre Centre is and production takes place during their exams so our audiences aren't as big as they should be, he said.

It's hard to get people to come and see the show and "it'd be nice to get more support from SAC and better PR," Jeff said.

Jeff is presently working on a Christmas Carol, a production to run at the Theatre Centre Dec. 9 to 11 and at Brock University Playhouse Dec.12 to 18.

Jeff would like to work at the Shaw Festival on the production side of things before he fulfils his dreams of acting in a comedy and character roles.

Interviews to be in every edition

These interviews resulted from a Monday morning in October when journalism students attended two press conferences given by theatre students. One of the major benefits was students getting to know more about other students and other programs. As getting to know each other better would be good for all of us at the college, the Niagara News now plans to arrange interviews with students in a different program for each edition.

Theatre student sets high goals for future

By TORY EDWARDS
Staff Writer

MARK RYDER

"Niagara College Theatre Centre is one of the best courses for theatre around," Mark Ryder, second year theatre student, said. Mark has a high opinion of his school and high expectations for himself.

Originally from Toronto, Mark is looking forward to a career in lighting design, and stage management. He has already been offered two jobs in theatre. "There is a great need for educated theatre people in Canada," Mark said. In the last 10 years, Canada has become the third largest film industry in the world. "Canada is being taken much more seriously in the film world."

Ultimately, Mark would like to freelance as a lighting-design manager in theatre and concert productions. "First you have to be established. Then you can afford to pick and choose where you want to go."

"It's a money-organized world — especially in this business," he said.

Mark finds that the students at Niagara are very eager. "It's a tough school and harder to graduate from than other theatre schools. If a person is slack in this school, or doesn't already have a knack for it, they won't get anywhere."

Asked about the centre's proposed move to St. Catharine's from the Welland campus, Mark said, "I think it will be great for the others, but I'm glad I am going to be staying here to finsih up." The students at the centre become "like a big family." There are only about 40 students in the program — first and second year combined. "We really help each other out," Mark said. "It makes me feel good when a first-year student comes to me for some guidance and I can help them."

Although Mark obviously enjoys the theatre program, he is anxious to get out of school, and on with his career. "I'm not sure where I'll be going, but I'll probably go back to Toronto to begin with," he said. "There are a lot of productions going on there."

"And besides," he added, "I really miss Toronto. It's sure a lot different here."

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SPORTS

Hunger to win pays off

By WENDY KUDEBA
Staff Writer

Niagara College's women volleyball players certainly proved they have what it takes to be a winning team as they defeated their hosts and kept close games with other competitors in exhibition play at George Brown College in Toronto Oct. 31.

The Knights came on strong and competitive showing their opponents that although volleyball has been absent from Niagara's varsity schedule for 10 years, it does not stop their team spirit or hunger to win.

Showing much improved teamwork and a better understanding of their order system, the Knights stormed their Husky hosts, winning their final match of the day two games straight.

The Knights' disappointment over losing close games earlier in the day may have been what allowed the Huskies to steadily gain a 12-4 lead in the first game. But the Knights met the challenge head on, and bringing the team together, battled back to lead 13-12. A determination to end the day victorious sent them on to win 15-12.

TURNED TABLES

During the second game, the tables were turned, with the Knights confidently pulling ahead 11-4. The Huskies clawed their way back up, eventually tying the score at 12-12. The teams toyed with one another, each gaining one point at a time. Having had enough of the Huskies' attempts, Niagara gained two consecutive points, finishing the day with a 16-14 score and an overall two games to zero win.

"There was so much learning going on, and all in all I am really pleased," team coach Judy Halaiko said. "There was inexperience coming in, and experience took over through the course of the day."

Judy was most impressed that the team members are "diggers, they just don't give up and that's something I can't instil as a coach."

The Knights put up a good fight in their two earlier matches of the day, keeping close scores but eventually losing both matches.

Being pitted against the Redeemer Royals in their second match of the day proved challenging since the Royals were ranked in third place last season. The Knights did start out victorious though, beating Sir Sandford Fleming in their first game of the match.

Both of the teams played hard since they didn't know what to expect from Niagara's new team and took advantage of that fact.

"We had no base to start from while the other teams at least had a nucleus of players that know the system from previous years," Judy said. "I am pleased; there is a lot of potential and this was truly a learning experience."

Having learned so much as a team in such a short time, it will be interesting to see how the Knights come away from their next set of exhibition games Saturday at Sir Sandford Fleming in Peterborough.

Men's team poor start

The Niagara College men's volleyball team returned home from their first exhibition tournament of the year at Loyalist College on Sunday, and the results were somewhat less than spectacular.

The team played four games, two each against Fanshawe and Sir Sandford Fleming, and lost all of them. The scores were 15-3 and 15-4 against Fanshawe and 15-8 and 15-1 against Sir Sandford.

Although the team played without two of their better players, Ron McPherson and Darryl Maude, coach Ray Sarkis wasn't making any excuses. He said the team wasn't beaten by better teams, but by more experienced teams.

"We have good players, but they need experience. We made a lot of mental mistakes, and were inconsistent."

FELL BEHIND

In the first game against Sir Sandford, the team fell behind early 6-0. Then they jelled together for a while and rallied off seven consecutive points to go ahead 7-6. Sir Sandford scored nine of the next 10 points, putting the game away.

Ray noted that they can play well enough as a team, but they just have to play with more consistency.

"Once one team has the momentum, it's really hard to come back. We were digging holes for ourselves. Again, it relates back to our inexperience."

Though the team did not win any games on the weekend, Ray is happy with the hard work the team has put in so far.

"I've never coached a bunch of guys so eager to work. There is a lot of enthusiasm on this team, and that's a positive sign."

Ray also pointed out that he was happy with the play of Chris Mudjar, and the net play of Anson Humphreys. He said that Dave Bellerby was the most productive player, having the most putaways on the team.

The team's next tournament is at Durham College in Oshawa on Nov. 21. Ray said this tournament will be great experience because they will play six matches and schools from both Tier I and II will be there.

Leading league

Scoring attack explosive

By ROB STROHM
Staff Writer

A potent offence was the key for the Niagara hockey Knights' two victories to open their regular season on a winning note, and jump to a quick lead in the standings.

The Knights defeated the Penn St. Nittany Lions 7-4 on Halloween night, and trounced the Erie Community Kats 11-6 last Saturday night in Welland.

The Knights took to the ice against the Lions two weeks ago with what Fred Bassi described as "opening night jitters. We didn't wake up right away, but once we did we were the stronger team."

"The first 50 minutes were not good hockey for us, but the last 10 minutes we came into our own," he said.

GOAL EXPLOSION

Come into their own is what they did; the Knights exploded for five goals in the last eight minutes of the game to overcome a 3-2 deficit and put the game away. The outburst was sparked by a Wayne Conn slapshot into the top corner, the Knight offence then ignited with four more goals leaving Penn to watch a possible victory vanish — quickly.

Kelly Dion, Chris Vandermer, Blake Sawyer and Bob Bird, with his second goal of the game, all scored in the final minutes to secure the victory. Penn scored one in this barrage but to no avail.

Jim Beattie was the other goal scorer for the Knights.

Last Saturday night the Niagara team played host to the Erie Commmunity Kats overwhelming them in the first period enabling them to coast to an 11-6 victory.

Mr. Bassi said everybody played well offensively and defensively in the period resulting in the Knights taking a 5-1 lead.

"We just outplayed them," he said explaining his team's quick start. "We played a really good game; we were just the better team."

Chris Vandermer with two goals, Blake Sawyer, Nick Minken, with a short-handed goal, and Bruce Horvath all netted markers to round out the first period scoring.

DOUSED ATTEMPT

Erie made an attempt to come back early in the second period with two quick goals but Niagara doused the attempt with four of their own. Erie scored another in the second to end the period with Niagara leading 9-4.

Blake Sawyer with two, Bruce Horvath and Bob Bird with singles gave Niagara their five-goal lead.

Todd Sneider and Blake Sawyer finished off the Niagara scoring as each team had two goals apiece in the final frame.

A stellar performance by Blake Sawyer as the crafty centre had four goals and two assists giving him a total of five goals and four assists in two games. Todd Sneider also deserves recognition as his defensive play has sparkled in both matches, Mr. Bassi said.

He said the well-played game may be due to Erie's embarrassing the Knights last year by a score of 15-8. "The emotional aspect may have been a factor."

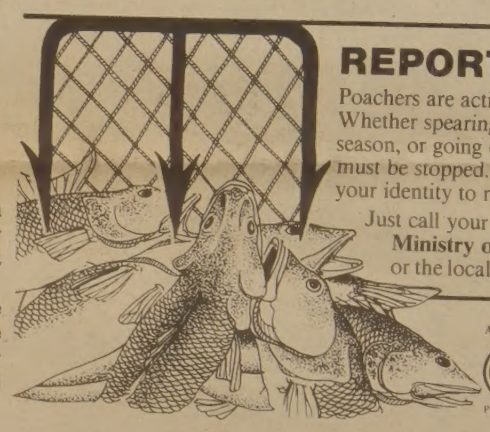
The two wins put the Knights atop the young season and Mr. Bassi said the pressure is on the other teams to win for the final play-off spot.

"If we play .500 hockey from here on in we should make the play-offs," he said. Mr. Bassi said if the squad can win in Conestoga on Nov. 18 they will be in very good shape to contend for first place.

"The game in Conestoga will be very tough and they will be hungry for a win," he said. Their big rink is tough and a win there would be nice."'

Last year at this time Niagara was 0-2 so it is a good sign for the team to start on such a positive note.

Tonight the team will travel to Niagara Falls, N.Y., to face the Niagara University Purple Eagles in an exhibition game. Next home game for the Knights is Nov. 21 against their rival the Buffalo State Bengals; game time is 8 p.m.



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SPORTS

SAC gives sports $300 scholarships

By RANDY CONLON
Staff Writer

Thanks to contributions from the Student Administrative Council, four athletic scholarships worth $300 each will be available to student athletes next term.

Athletic co-ordinator Peter Rylander said SAC has donated half of its earnings from the hockey machine in the cafeteria to fund the scholarships. Last year, this total amounted to $1,200.

The scholarships are based on both academic and athletic excellence. A combination of the two will be considered — students with the best average and students who have demonstrated superior performance in their sport.

Other criteria are also included, such as community service, extracurricular contributions, enthusiasm, dependability and a high degree of integrity.

RIGHT DIRECTION

Mr. Rylander said the scholarships are a step in the right direction.

"Hopefully, next year we will have the funds to offer more scholarships."

This year the scholarships will go to the sports that involve the most time. Two hockey players and one person from both the men's and women's volleyball team meeting the given criteria will receive a $300 scholarship.

Kirk MacDonald, SAC's vice-president of athletics, said, "I hope this is continued by future SACs. I think it's a good incentive for the students, both athletically and scholastically."

Women's volleyball coach Judy Halaiko is very happy with the new program. "I find that athletes who are trying to balance a part-time job along with both school and sports won't feel that they have to keep a job, because the money from the scholarship can fill in."

THANKS SAC

Hockey coach Fred Bassi is happy to see SAC contribute to athletics, and appreciates what they have done. As for choosing who the scholarships will be awarded to, he said, "That will be difficult, rating my team 1 through 22. But their grades will determine the other half, so it's up to them."

As for next year, Mr. Bassi said, "Hopefully, this type of philosophy can go further. It would be nice to see scholarships in every sport."

Mr. Rylander commended SAC for its contributions and hopes it will continue to support athletics in the future.

Applications will be available to students later at the Athletic Department and the Financial Aid Office.

Human Rights Session

Amnesty International in St. Catharines will hold a candlelight vigil in front of City Hall in St. Catharines on Thursday, Dec. 10.

Every year one day is set aside as human rights day. The group will be sponsoring the vigil at City Hall between 8 and 9 p.m.

Mayor Joe McCaffery will be one of the speakers. Amnesty International is the world-wide organization dedicated to upholding human rights.

Accounts will be given of people who are prisoners of conscience and those attending will be encouraged to send Christmas cards to them.

College jazz on FM 108

The Niagara College Jazz Band will be in good company Dec. 5. It is scheduled to be featured along with such swing era big band greats as Basie, Ellington, Goodman and Shaw plus a "few surprises," John Nelson, host of FM 108's "Jazz in the Morning" in Burlington, said.

The entire show will be a "big band bash," he said, from 6 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

From Page One

Test Centre

placed together in the same class.

Mr. Boulianne said that the students are now pressured because they have to write their tests in a classroom where evryone is at a different level.

Two options are available, Dr. Knowles said. "We could allow students to write tests in the classroom while some of the other students work on their particular assignments, or we could designate a particular time once a week where all the students in the classroom write the test appropriate to their level."

"I feel we are going to have to petition it," Mr. Boulianne said.

"The Test Centre is a dead isue." Dr. Knowles said "there is no way I can afford a Test Centre under the current restraints of the college. The teachers have done a good job of trying to make the situation work and are in the process of changing the curriculum."

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Alcohol: a deadly habit

By BARBARA HORNING
Staff Writer

Everybody knows those attractive glasses filled with colorful beverages garnished with orange, lemon slices and cherries are bad for them.

Everybody knows those glasses of beer, wine or liquor at social functions, special occasions, after work, or every day are bad for them.

They surely know the effects of alcohol on the body — but still they drink. Why do people do it?

Effects

Long term effects of alcohol use may cause cirrhosis of the liver — the most common and dangerous disease to those who drink. The digestive, cardiovascular and respiratory systems may be affected, and problems may arise with motor abilities, kidneys, blood, pancreas and brain.

Short term effects include confusion, lack of control of emotions, impaired cognitive, judgmental and memory functions, and perceptual and motor dysfunction.

Like other drugs, alcohol allows "the brain to think differently, creating a pleasant feeling," Aubrey Bissett, Niagara psychology teacher with a master's degree in psychology and human relations, said.

It is the body, not just the mind, that turns people towards alcoholic beverages creating alcoholics, those dependent on alcohol for everyday living, Ms. Bissett said.

"Just like any drug, our body becomes dependent on the alcohol — it is a disease," she said.

A casual drinker who has a drink once in a while — say, once a week — can become an alcoholic if the alcohol is not metabolized fast enough, she said. This person literally is not able to stop drinking, and his body wants more and more.

Ninety per cent of alcohol is broken down in the liver, the organ that metabolizes alcohol, Dawn Hall, college nurse, said. When alcohol is consumed, it must be oxidized into water and carbon dioxide, but the process is slow.

Tolerance

The body creates a tolerance to alcohol; therefore, a person must increase the amount of alcohol he consumes to feel effects from it, Ms. Bissett said.

The more and faster one drinks, the harder it is for the liver to get rid of the alcohol, and it must work harder, Mrs. Hall said. Eventually, people's abuse of their liver will lead to cirrhosis.

'Alcohol also affects everyone," Mrs. Hall said. "It affects the alcoholic himself, the family and children."

More than 50 per cent of alcoholics' relatives or parents have had drinking problems, Ms. Bissett said.

Some teenagers and adults become alcoholics because of the body's inability to metabolize alcohol. This trait has been passed through the genes in a process called genetic predisposition, Ms. Bissett said. It may be passed on for several generations through the same genetic process as blue or green eyes.

Crutch

One woman — call her Mary — said she turned to alcohol "to hide" from her husband.

Referring to her husband's Chinese water treatment, she said, "Booze became a crutch." Her husband would torment her, wave his finger in front of her face and ridicule her, slowly "drop by drop like a faucet."

Crushed by feelings of inferiority, she would drink back a full glass of gin to "black out" her temporary wish for suicide and to get relief from pain.

The casual drinker also suffers effects, Mrs. Hall said.

After a few drinks a person usually feels relaxed, happy and self-confident, the Addiction Research Foundation said in a report. Others may experience hostility, depression, hate or want to withdraw from society.

"Psychologists still argue whether drinking is a psychological factor, or a form of conditioning," Ms. Bissett said.

Whether driving while impaired, striking out at loved ones, drinking for pleasure, to escape reality, or to fulfil the body's dependency, stop and think. Alcohol kills.

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